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TO: PARIS.

FROM: PCS/LOC INFO C/EUR, C/E/F, E/A

SUBJECT: WNINTEL - HSCA STAFFER, BRADY INTERVIEW WITH THOMAS  
B. CASASIN

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1. 17 AUGUST AT 1000 HOURS FOR INTERVIEW WITH CASASIN  
IS ACCEPTABLE TO MS. BRADY. SHE HAS BEEN PROVIDED  PHONE  
NUMBER FOR INITIAL CONTACT.

2. PLEASE ADVISE CASASIN FOLLOWING GROUND RULES FOR  
INTERVIEW:

A. HE IS NOT OBLIGATED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH  
HE CONSIDERS SELF INCRIMINATING. HE IS ENTITLED TO  
BE ACCOMPANIED BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF HIS CHOICE DURING  
INTERVIEW BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO PERSONALLY BEAR ANY  
EXPENSE IN DOING SO. LEGAL REPRESENTATION CAN BE  
PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES-  
THOUGH JUSTICE MAKES THE FINAL DETERMINATION WHETHER TO  
DO SO. SUCH INSTANCES HAVE BEEN QUITE INFREQUENT TO DATE.

B. CASASIN IS RELIEVED OF OBLIGATIONS OF CIA SECRECY  
AGREEMENT FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING HSCA CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTIONS. HSCA  
CHARTER IS LIMITED TO ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. BELIEVE HSCA INTEREST IN  
CASASIN WILL BE FOCUSED ON 1955-1960 PERIOD WHEN  
CASASIN IN TOKYO (OSWALD WAS MARINE RADAR OPERATOR  
ATSUGI LATE 50'S) AND 1960-62 PERIOD WHEN CASASIN WAS  
CHIEF SE DIVISION BRANCH SIX.

C. HSCA HAS BEEN BRIEFED IN GENERAL TERMS ON AEOCEAN/3  
CASE, BUT BY AGREEMENT WITH HSCA WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT  
IDENTIFY AEOCIAN/3 BY TRUE NAME, NOR INQUIRE ABOUT  
THAT CASE.

D. CASASIN SHOULD RESPOND FORTHRIGHTLY AND HONESTLY

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TO QUESTIONS POSED. PLEASE AVOID SPECULATION WHICH MIGHT BE MISCONSTRUED AS FACT. IF ANSWER TO QUESTION IS NOT RECALLED OR UNKNOWN IT BETTER TO SO STATE THAN CONJECTURE.

E. THE DCI'S OBLIGATION TO PROTECT SOURCES AND METHODS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF HSCA INVESTIGATION REMAINS A STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY. IF RELEVANCE OF A QUESTION APPEARS DOUBTFUL TO CASASIN AND TO INVOLVE SOURCES AND METHODS OUTSIDE THE HSCA MANDATE, HE SHOULD NOT REFUSE TO ANSWER ON GROUNDS OF IRRELEVANCE (SINCE HSCA IS SOLE JUDGE OF RELEVANCE), BUT TELL INTERVIEWER HE WISHES DEFER RESPONDING UNTIL HE CAN CONSULT WITH HEADQUARTERS. PLEASE CABLE QUESTION AND PROPOSED ANSWER IMMEDIATE NIACT FOR HQS APPROVAL AND/OR COMMENTS.

3. HSCA INVESTIGATOR WILL SHOW CASASIN LETTER FROM DDCI TO HSCA CHAIRMAN, AGREEING TO WAIVER OF SECRECY AGREEMENT FOR PURPOSE INVESTIGATION KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATIONS.

4. IF CASASIN SHOULD PREFER THAT HIS TRUE NAME NOT BE RECORDED IN MS. BRADY'S REPORT, HE MAY SO REQUEST.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN INTERVIEW COMPLETED AND ANY DIFFICULTIES OR PROBLEMS WHICH MAY HAVE ARISEN.

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